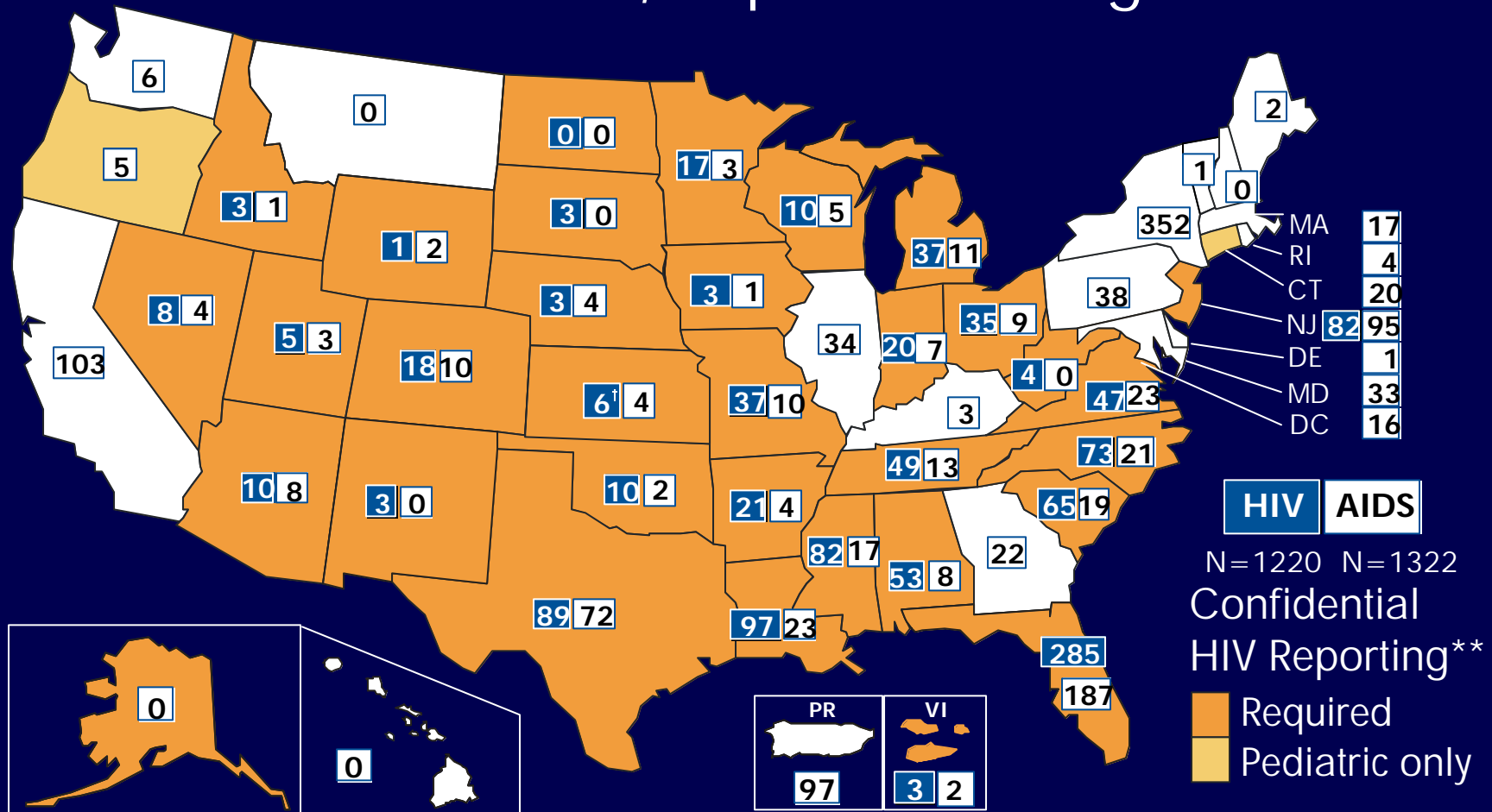


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* For areas with confidential HIV infection surveillance. Includes 41 persons who were residents of areas without HIV infection surveillance but who were reported by areas with HIV infection surveillance

**HIV cases reported by patient name

† HIV surveillance initiated in July 1999

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At the end of 1999, over 1,300 adolescents 13-19 years old were living with AIDS in the United States. HIV-related morbidity is highest in states along the east coast and in the south, and in California. From the 34 areas that conduct name-based HIV infection surveillance, 568 persons 13-19 years old were reported living with AIDS, representing 43% of all adolescents living with AIDS in the United States. These 34 areas report an additional 1,220 adolescents living with HIV infection. The HIV data are underestimates of the population of infected adolescents, as some states do not report HIV infected persons to CDC and only persons who have been tested are reported. In most states with HIV surveillance, the number of HIV infected adolescents is greater than the number of adolescents with AIDS, indicative of the period between infection and development of disease. This also indicates the importance of targeting HIV prevention messages to at risk youth. These persons may become infected as adolescents, but may not develop AIDS until they are adults.